



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Janet Dettwiler, APG Adjutant, center, and Lori Austin, Garrison staff action officer, right, laugh as David Guldenzopf, director of the Regional Environmental and Energy Office – Northern, left, tries his hand at the depth perception display set up by the Directorate of Public Works during the installation's Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration April 29.

Post observes Earth Day

Community gathers for lighthouse unveiling

By **ROGER TEEL**
RDECOM Public Affairs

Surrounded by more than 200 area school students, senior installation commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice became a history teacher during APG's 2011 Arbor/Earth Day celebration April 29.

"I'll be your history teacher today," Justice told the students as a cool morning wind swept over APG Museum. "You'll have fun and learn something fun today, and I hope you keep it with you. And the best part is... no test!"

The commander noted that master of ceremonies Janet Dettweiler had mentioned the date the first national Arbor Day took place.

"In 1872 the first Arbor Day was held. So this green



Photo by Roger Teel

Smokey the Bear was a special guest of the APG Earth Day/Arbor Day ceremony.

movement has been around for 139 years," Justice said. "It's so big now that it's a national priority! But remember, there's nothing as green as Army green!"

Justice linked histo-

ry together for the students, noting the presence of Betty O'Leary, granddaughter of Capt. Steven Andrew Cohee, the last keeper of the lighthouse on APG's Poole's Island.

"It's the oldest lighthouse in Maryland waters. It is a national treasure, on the national registry of historic properties," Justice said. Poole's Island Lighthouse is to be re-lit May 21, the final event of APG's Armed Forces Week activities. A replica of the lighthouse was unveiled during the Arbor/Earth Day celebration, and a time capsule of current artifacts was placed inside.

"What a great treasure we have in that lighthouse," Justice emphasized. "And I want to thank you guys, because when we looked at your posters and some of the things you wrote about, that touches my heart. You are learning here about your nation and

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APG Sports and Fitness Day today

FMWR

Lots of fun and fitness opportunities are available today, Thursday May 5 during Sports and Fitness Day activities at the Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) Athletic Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A variety of 30 minute fitness classes, health and fitness vendors and more will be available. Come out and play outdoor volleyball or work out on the equipment indoors.

MWR serves Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians who work and play on the installation.

Call 410-278-7933 for more details.

City, DPW ensuring APG clean water supply

By **ADRIANE FOSS**
APG News Editor

Local and state testing of the drinking water at Aberdeen Proving Ground is proof positive that it is safe to consume, according to city and post officials.

The superintendent of Water and Waste Water Operations for the City of Aberdeen and APG area, Paul Visser, said chlorine levels were increased and additional daily tests were conducted after some raccoons breached the fencing around APG's clear water well last month.

"As soon as the breach was discovered, we did daily bacteriological tests, and the results were negative for E-coli and general bacteria," said Visser. "The water is safe for human consumption and will remain safe for human consumption."

The daily bacteriological testing was in addition to the routine testing

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Armed Forces Week celebrations slated

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

In less than two weeks Aberdeen Proving Ground will begin Armed Forces Week 2011 celebrations. The annual salute to America's armed services was extended from a one-day to a five-day celebration due to the success of last year and to incorporate members of the community in all aspects.

Festivities include a golf tournament, children's activities, technology displays and much more.

The 2011 theme is Power for Peace. Aberdeen Proving Ground is a 21st century installation leading the way with its BRAC efforts and its support of the warfighter, said Capt. Malukah McCormick, commander of the APG Garrison's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and lead organizer of the celebration. "As we end one war in Iraq and shift our focus to Afghanistan, we want to show the community and the world that we have the Power for Peace. APG and

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File photo by Rachel Ponder

Children create patriotic crafts at the Arts and Crafts display during the 2010 Armed Forces Day celebration.

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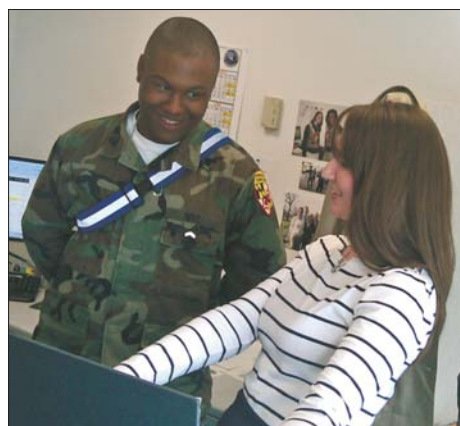
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LAWN CARE

Housing residents reminded that Picerne is responsible for grass mowing. **SEE PAGE 9**

OPINION

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

To honor the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans, Congress has designated the month of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month. The theme of this year’s Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is “Diversity, Leadership, Empowerment and Beyond.”

Many Asian Pacific Americans exemplify this theme, including I.M. Pei, world renowned architect, and Yo-Yo Ma, an internationally recognized cellist. Amy Tan is an acclaimed novelist; and Ellison Onizuka is the first Asian American in space. Eric Shinseki is the first Asian American to achieve the rank of four-star general in the U.S. Army.

These individuals and many other Asian Pacific Americans epitomize the values that make our country strong with their determination to be the very best, their dedication to their craft, and their loyalty to their country.

During the month of May, military installations will host various events and activities to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I encourage all Soldiers and civilian employees to attend at least one of these events.

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General



Who lives the life of Riley?
Not our single Soldiers

When they hear the term “single Soldier,” most people probably think about Pvt. Snuffy living in the barracks.

While “single” may be a category, the reality is that single Soldiers are not limited to rank, title, or where they hang their hat.

There’s a grave misconception that single Soldiers have it all-too easy. We allegedly live happy-go-lucky without any cares or concerns, devoid of any real responsibilities.

This misconception is a dangerously erroneous one, perhaps crafted by someone who doesn’t know what it’s like being a single Soldier.

So, who is this Riley?
According to sources, the earliest Riley reference appeared in a letter written by an Irish-American Soldier, Pvt. Walter J. Kennedy, during WWI: “This is surely one great life,” Pvt. Kennedy wrote. “We call it the life of Riley. We are having fine eats, are in a great detachment and the experience one gets is fine.”

We’re a nation at war. Many Soldiers feel uncertainty, depression, hopelessness. It would be arrogant and dismissive to assume that they go through life without a care in the world.

I used to think it was easy for Pvt. Snuffy in the barracks to make friends. They’re many in number and live in close proximity to each other.

It’s been many years since I was among them, but I remember that, contrary to popular opinion, not all barracks dwellers are interested in drinking, partying and club hopping.

So, what’s a troop to do?
Unfortunately, some of them are unaware of the many other activities available to them.

So, who’s not telling them?

Leaders frequently stress that we check on our Soldiers in the barracks - not to spy, but to make sure they’re living right and to know they have our unyielding support.

That support comes in different forms: support from your unit, support from your peers, your subordinates, your superiors. But it also helps to maintain some kind of support channel outside the gate.

There’s a certain element of freedom that comes along with living on the economy. At the end of the day, it’s nice to get far away from all things work-related. But it’s hard to find someone who can relate when you’re an army of one surrounded by Families.

It becomes all the more difficult when your peer group is slowly dwindling. Many of my peers are married. They have junior-high or high school-age children. They’re dropping their retirement paperwork.

Gone are the days when someone shows up to your door, pie in hand, talking about “Welcome to the neighborhood!” Perhaps some fear the gesture will be ill-received. Maybe some will think of it as an intrusion. Others may think it’s a waste of time - they’ll probably never engage their next-door neighbor at any point while they live there.

Farfetched? Maybe. But in the age of social media where people talk at each other rather than to one another, it doesn’t seem too far off the mark.

Deployments are another bone of contention. Does single mean more

expendable - more expendable meaning less valued?

That spurred some heated debates prior to my first deployment in Feb. 2003.

The consensus was that it was easier for single Soldiers to pack up and roll out because we didn’t have Families (read: responsibilities) waiting for us back home. We do: It just so happens our loved ones don’t live under the same roof. Everyone’s life is interrupted as the result of a deployment. Everyone sacrifices something.

Following every welcome-home ceremony, the

emcee will normally direct all the single Soldiers to wade through the balloons, cheering spouses and “I Love Daddy” signs to nearby buses, where they’re transported ... back to the barracks.

Where is their welcome home?

I grew up in one of the largest, busiest cities in the world, so I’m used to running on automatic. As a result, I sometimes forget that I need to be accountable for someone other than myself.

Being “single” isn’t synonymous with throwing all our cares to the wind. And it shouldn’t mean standing alone. I challenge anyone (including myself) to check ourselves when we start to think that single Soldiers have it so easy.

Let’s also check on Riley while we’re at it.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Yancey
3rd ID Public Affairs

Military becomes family for one another

Melissa said that K9 and Jan and Christine put together a spread sheet to figure out how to get all the Wisconsin relatives to and from the airport, back and forth from the funeral home, the viewing, the church, the burial at Quantico.

When 17 year-old Forrest Peterson died in a car crash, an entire cadre of Peterson friends—so many military friends—poured in to help. The way we do.

And the Wisconsin relatives couldn’t understand who any of us were. They kept asking puzzled questions, thinking puzzled thoughts:

Jeff and Melissa had only moved to Virginia a year ago, right?

How can a thousand people know you well enough to stand in line for hours to console you after only a year?



How come the streets from the funeral home to the burial were lined with people getting out of their cars to salute? For some new kid?

If you knew Forrest Peterson, if you know Jeff and Melissa, if you know siblings Brett and Merritt, then I don’t really have to explain. Awesome kid. Devoted parents. Hilarious siblings.

The Wisconsin relatives knew all that. They knew that the clan was chock full of nice people. They just couldn’t understand the rest of us knowing that already.

I can hardly blame them. Like so many other extended family members of the military, these civilians lived in the same Wisconsin communities for many years, if not all their lives. They saw the same people at church and the store. They sat next to the same people at hockey practice year after year. They understood how a Family, how a community, would come forward for one of their own.

In Wisconsin, a Family is known. How could it be possible for a military family like the Petersons who move and move and move have this kind of community?

I wish the relatives had asked me. I would have told them that it’s simple, really.

We are their Wisconsin. We military folks become Wisconsin to each other. I don’t really know how exactly this happens. I just know I love Forrest and Merritt and Brett as if they are my blood. I’m closer to Jeff and Melissa than to some of my own siblings. I may have only met Christine and Jan and K9 at the hospital, but I immediately recognized in them my friends, my neighbors, my home.

The rest of the world thinks that we military people share only scraps of each other’s lives. And in a way they are right. We’re there for the pregnancy, but not the birth. We know each other during soccer season, but we move

before wrestling starts. We send pictures of kids clustered around the steps in our Christmas cards. Homecoming dance photos are posted on Facebook. We run into each other by chance on Bourbon Street, at the Smithsonian metro stop, in the commissary at Fort Riley or Camp Pendleton or Sasebo.

And somehow, this really does add up to something big. As big as Wisconsin. During our military lives, other military families become something more than friends, something somewhere beyond family. We don’t have a name for what this means.

I only know that when Forrest died, when I saw all those good people come together around the Petersons, that we were all part of something so much bigger than ourselves. And that has made such a difference.

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Motorist should be aware of uneven pavement and areas left unpaved while driving on post. Much of the construction will continue through the summer.

Drivers urged to take caution during peak construction season

By **NICOLE CAWThERN**
APG Transformation Office

As BRAC construction on the installation continues to move forward, so will road construction.

Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy garrison commander for Transformation, is expecting a surge in roadwork as warmer temperatures give way to the spring construction season and asks motorists to be especially cautious.

Nelson said drivers can expect intermittent lane and road closures during off-peak hours when possible.

“There will be areas of uneven pavement and there will be times when areas will be left unpaved,” he said.

Some of the specific construction projects that drivers should be aware of are as follows:

- Aberdeen Boulevard will be widened to accommodate additional turn lanes.
- New traffic signals will be installed at Frankford Street, Bel Air Street and Raritan Avenue to accommodate additional traffic.
- Drivers will also notice the shoulder work at Aberdeen Boulevard.

“The shoulder work at Aberdeen Boulevard work will continue through the month of June in preparation for the repaving that will take place,” said Nelson.

He said current plans support the widening of Frankford Street and the addition of new signals at Susquehanna Avenue and Boothby Hill Avenue.

Construction will continue during the first week of May to complete work at the intersection of Maryland Boulevard and Darlington Street. Maryland Blvd. between Combat Drive and Aberdeen Boulevard will be closed for roadway marking during the May 7-8 weekend.

“We will continue to provide weekly updates in the *APG News* about the status of the installation roadwork,” said Nelson “Changes and notifications can also be found in the installation-wide e-messages that are routinely sent out and on the APG Facebook and APG Live sites.

Motorists are asked to note that weather may impact construction schedules. For more information, contact the Transformation Office at 410-278-0915 or transformationofc@conus.army.mil.

Outreach helps boost innovation in the classroom

ECBC launches first session of teacher professional training in Cecil County

ECBC

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) recently offered biology, chemistry and physics teachers from high schools across Cecil County a Smart Sensors training opportunity, sponsored by the National Defense Education Program.

During the three-day CASE-led STEM Learning Modules training, ten local teachers partnered with ECBC engineers Nichole Au, Mark Colgan and Daniel Wise to collaboratively explore techniques to implement Smart Sensor learning scenarios in the classroom.

They collectively applied their knowledge, expertise and creativity to solve relevant problems such as “Evading Motion Detection”, “Making a Microphone”, “Designing a Coin Counter” and “Measuring Piezoelectric Response.”

This student-focused, hands-on teaching approach uses scientific inquiry and technological design methods to convey science and engineering concepts in the classroom. It aims to turn traditional STEM lessons into cutting-edge research projects and to ultimately motivate students to develop innovative solutions in response to real-world problems.

Wise commented on the caliber of teachers that participated in the training and their dedication in tackling the challenges of ever-progressing technology.

“I was very impressed and encouraged by the quality and enthusiasm of the high school teachers I met,” Wise said. “It was great fun training with them, and I am confident that we will be in an effective partnership as we use this program to promote STEM-focused career fields to students in our public school system.”

Furthermore, he commended the educational value of the Smart Sensors modules for the creation of well-round-



Photo by Mary Doak

Bohemian Manor physics teacher Andrew Borzok (left) and ECBC engineer Daniel Wise (right) explore the Piezo effect and construct a molecular model of PVDF polymer.

“This learning approach accurately reflects the way we address real-world engineering challenges, allowing students to experience the joy of discovery.

Daniel Wise
ECBC engineer

ed lesson plans that address today’s STEM demands and help inspire students to choose career fields such as engineering.

“This inquiry-based learning approach accurately reflects the way we address real-world engineering challenges,

allowing students to experience the joy of discovery that is inherent in engineering,” he said.

After briefly describing how teachers had a significant impact on his career decision, ECBC’s Technical Director Joseph Wienand expressed his appreci-

ation of their efforts in effectively preparing students for the country’s future challenges in science and engineering.

“I truly thank you for your public service and commitment in the classroom every day,” he told the group of teachers. “You all play such a critical role in shaping and molding the next generation of STEM talent.”

“Your participation in today’s professional training clearly demonstrates your passion for teaching and makes you an inspirational resource for students,” he added.

Motivated to enhance their lessons with a hands-on learning and research environment, Cecil County Public Schools teachers embraced the STEM learning tools and methods they applied during the three-day training session.

“Material World Modules offers well-organized and inquiry-based science content that provides students meaningful and experimental design challenges,” said Rising Sun science teacher Gregg Stickler. “The modules are an effective framework for teachers to use as they begin to change from teacher-centered instruction to student-centered research and design.”

“I will begin implementing the Smart Sensors module in my Principle of Physics class next week,” he added.

Cecil County Public Schools Science Instructional Coordinator Frank Cardo shared teachers’ feedback of their STEM Learning Module experience and reiterated the importance of these types of professional development opportunities for teachers in his school district.

“I have spoken to my teachers, and they really enjoyed the training and want more,” he said. “I can speak for my colleagues when saying that ECBC has provided them an exceptional training experience with tools and methods to enhance their STEM lesson plans in the classroom.”

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to editor-APG@conus.army.mil

First sergeant retires at APG

Roman-Cruz called troop honor, respect his greatest reward

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

1st Sgt. Victor Roman-Cruz of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) formally retired with 22 years of service during the Aberdeen Proving Ground retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center April 27.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades presented the awards. Rhoades said he was honored as a fellow noncommissioned officer to acknowledge the accomplishments of Roman-Cruz, noting that first sergeants mold junior enlisted Soldiers into leaders.

“First sergeants are the life and blood of the Army,” Rhoades said. The life of a first sergeant is the most awarding assignment one could ever have.”

1st Sgt. Victor Roman-Cruz
Roman-Cruz was born in Aguadilla,



Roman-Cruz

Puerto Rico, Sept 22, 1969. He entered the Army May 23, 1989, and has had several stateside assignments and three overseas tours including: Korea, Germany, and Alaska. His deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, he contributed to the support of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah; the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece; the Democrat and Republican Convention in 2003 and the Presidential Inauguration in 2004.

He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George W. Casey Jr.; and a U.S. flag and pin. His wife, Maritza received a DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Casey.

During Roman-Cruz’s remarks he said that he was able to have a successful career with the support of his wife and Family.

“If I had to do it all again, I would, no doubt about it,” he said.

He added that his greatest reward was not the dollars he earned but receiving honor and respect from his fellow Soldiers.

Roman-Cruz’s retirement plans include moving to Puerto Rico to live near his parents and in-laws.

Kirk primary care moving

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

As of May 3, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will see all primary care patients (pediatric and adult) in the transition building across from the main building.

The primary care area in the main building will undergo a complete renovation to modernize and provide patients and staff with a 21st century clinic.

The temporary building’s reception area will be centralized and will handle all appointment check-ins, for pediatrics and adult medicine.

The patient rooms for each provider in the transition building are spacious and prepared with all necessary equipment for examinations.

All clinic telephone numbers will be the same:

- 410-278-5475 for appointments
- 443-807-0725 for staff duty after hours, weekend or on federal holidays

The clinic’s hours of operation will also remain the same. Appointments will be seen from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the pharmacy will remain open until 5 p.m. The pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and immunization remain located in the main building.

The primary care clinic will remain in the transition building for about one year. Call Deborah Dodsworth, patient advocate, at 410-278-1724 for information about renovations, appointments or other concerns.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Joan Campbell, 410-278-5668, e-mail joan.campbell@us.army.mil.”

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A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.



DA VINCI RECREATED

During the Aberdeen Proving Ground Holy Week observance, members of the Protestant chapel service performed The Living Last Supper, April 21 at the APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel. The play is based on the famous Leonardo da Vinci painting depicting Jesus Christ’s last night with his disciples before his crucifixion. After the play, Chaplian Kurt O’ Donnell, who played the role of Christ, offered communion to those who attended the performance. The Holy Week celebration concluded with a sunrise drama at Top of the Bay, Easter Sunday, April 24, with a play depicting Christ’s resurrection.



Photo by Rachel Ponder

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Evan Dawson, 5, and Elany Canada, 5, enjoy a vehicle display as Staff Sgt. David Grafton answers questions. Children from the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center were visited by 1-224 Aviation Security & Support Battalion Soldiers, who brought the Humvees April 11. “The children are always excited to see something different,” said CDC’s Kim Barrett.



Courtesy photo

LEARNING THE ROPES

Nicole Cawthern with the Garrison Transformation Office explains BRAC construction projects at APG to Freestate Challenge Academy cadets Terrence Ross and Joshua Denn April 21. Ross and Denn are participating in a three-week job shadow program as reward for their good behavior. “The cadets assist in the daily activities of the host office and it gives them a broader knowledge of the different job fields that are available within the government,” said Cawthern. Cadets Ross and Denn also spent time working with the garrison’s environmental office.

COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 6 AND 7 HCC PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER

Harford Community College has changed the workforce development and training education space at The Gate at APG to the Performance Training Center. This two-day Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam prep boot camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 6 and 7.

For more information or to register, call 443-360-9108 or visit www.harford.edu.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY MAY 6 THRU 8 ANNUAL DECOY AND WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum will sponsor the 30th Annual Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival at the Havre de Grace Middle School and Havre de Grace Activity Center located on Lewis Lane and the Decoy Museum located at 100 Lafayette Street. A free shuttle service will transport attendees to event sites and downtown. Door prizes and raffles will be available. Nearly 150 exhibitors will travel from coast-to-

coast to participate in the historic art and traditions of decoy and wildlife carving. There will also be retriever dog demonstrations and duck calling demonstrations for kids and adults by members of Ducks Unlimited. The festival will be held 6 to 9 p.m., May 6; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 7; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 8. Cost of admission is \$8 for a weekend pass. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, call 410-939-3739, email decoymuseum@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.decoymuseum.com>.

FRIDAY MAY 6 LULAC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Maryland Councils, and Education Based Latino Outreach (EBLO) will host a Wine and Dine Fundraiser, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Associated Catholic Charities building, 320 Cathedral St # 1, in Baltimore, across from Basilica of the Assumption, on Monday, May 16. The event will feature an array of fine wines, gourmet food, specialty coffees and desserts from several Baltimore dining estab-

lishments. Donation is \$40 per person. RSVP to this event at LULACMARYLAND@GMAIL.COM by Friday, May 6 and mail check payable to LULAC Maryland P.O. BOX 623 APG, MD 21005-0623.

For more information, contact Rose Satz at 732-580-0766.

Contributions or sponsorships for this event are welcome. All proceeds go to LULAC and EBLO scholarship funds.

BOW WOW BOOGIE

Support the largest party of the year for Harford County's homeless and neglected animals. The Bow Wow Boogie will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. Cost includes buffet with roast beef, shucked oysters, make-your-own sundae dessert bar, draft beer, wine, sodas, a deejay with Top 40 music, dancing, raffle tickets, big six wheel, silent auction and more. Proceeds will benefit the homeless and abused animals of Harford County. Donations can be mailed or brought into the shelter at 2208 Connolly Road, Fallston, Md. 21047.

For more information, to sponsor the event or purchase tickets, call

Mary Leavens, 410-836-1090, Ext. 101 or e-mail Mary at mleavens@harfordshelter.org.

SATURDAY MAY 7 WAR OF 1812 REENACTMENT

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace ("The Lock House") will hold its annual reenactment of the British Attack of Havre de Grace in the War of 1812, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit military encampments, watch drills and preparations for the battle by American militia and British forces. There will be craft demonstrations, discussions on the war and its effects on the town of Havre de Grace. Cost of admission is \$3 for adults; admission is free for ages 12 and under. Call 410-939-5780/2100, e-mail director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit <http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org>.



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Post SHORTS

Get fit with Wii

A Wii tournament will be held May 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The event will be sponsored by the Community Health Promotion Council, in partnership with ATEC, and is being offered due to its popularity during last year's event and to celebrate National Employee Health and Fitness Day.

This year's events include bowling, fencing, boxing and tennis. Visitors can participate in as few or as many events as they like but space is limited. E-mail Staff Sgt. Marc Barrett at marc.w.barrett@us.army.mil to pre-register, and stop by on the day of the event to see if slots are available.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield visits May 10

A claim representative from the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield will visit APG Jan. 11 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will not be available in Edgewood Area for this visit.

For more information, call Teri Wright at 410-278-4331.

RAB meeting set May 26

The next RAB meeting will be held May 26, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. The topic will be Other Edgewood Areas.

New location for the Official mail center and U.S. Post Office May 23

The Garrison Administrative Mail Distribution Services and the U.S. Post Office will relocate to Bldg. 4510, at the corner of Boothby Hill Avenue and Darlington Street. Mail Distribution Services will close at noon on May 20 and will reopen noon, May 23 at the new location. The U.S. Post Office will close at noon on May 20 and reopen at 9 a.m. on May 23 at the new location. Both the Mail Distribution Services and the U.S. Post Office will be open the same hours at the new location as they were at Bldg. 2201.

Military Spouse Dinner scheduled May 6

A Spouse's Appreciation Dinner will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 6 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Child care will be provided at no cost. Reservations are required. This event will be casual with a buffet and Family-style seating.

For more information or to RSVP for these events, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669/7572 or email marilyn.e.Howard@us.army.mil.

Win with Picerne

Picerne Military Housing is celebrating Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 6. Residents are invited to stop by the Neighborhood Office to pick up a gift, enjoy light refreshments and enter

to win a "Date Night" package for two.

Residents can stop by at their convenience during regular business hours for a chance to be the lucky winner of a \$100 gift card to the Red Brick Station restaurant in White Marsh and a \$25 AMC gift card.

Winners will be announced May 9 at 9 a.m. Call the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076 for more info.

AER serving those in need

Army Emergency Relief is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated solely to helping Soldiers and their Families in time of emergency financial need.

AER receives no funds from the federal government and is supported by voluntary contributions from Soldiers (active and retired) solicited once a year during the Army's annual fund campaign for AER.

The annual fund raising campaign for AER began March 1 and will continue through May 15. Contributions may be by allotment, cash, or check.

AER unit representatives can turn in contributions to the campaign coordinator, Capt. Malikah McCormick on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 305. Contributions should be turned in on a weekly basis so that they can be processed in a timely manner.

For information on the campaign, call 410-278-3000. For information on Army Emergency Relief, call Installation AER Officer Marge Fissel at 410-278-2508.

Vacation rentals & hotel discounts

Active duty military personnel, including spouses, Family members and retirees, can book discount hotels and vacation rentals through the TDY Lodging reservation Web site from now through August.

Discounts of up to 30 percent off the standard rate are available at popular stateside locations for military Families and troops vacationing or on leave from overseas assignments.

DoD personnel including military, government civilians, and defense contractors are eligible.

Hotels and corporate housing providers interested in marketing hotels or corporate housing to the government and military travel community can list properties on the TDY Lodging Web site. For more information, visit <http://www.tdy-lodging.com>.

SAME meets May 19

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post will meet 11:30 a.m. May 19 at the Wetlands Golf Club, 740 Gilbert Road, Aberdeen. Guest speaker will be Gary Martin, executive deputy to the Commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Martin's presentation is titled "APG and RDECOM – Where Are We Going?" Walk-ins are welcome. Space is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-638-9699 or register online at <http://www.same-chesapeake.org>.

Survivor Coffee Break

APG's Survivor Outreach Service (SOS) program will host a Survivor Coffee Break for Families of fallen Soldiers May 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Rugles Golf Course.

During the event, survivors will learn about services that are available to them. Application can be picked up or completed at the coffee for Survivor decals and APG Survivor ID cards for anyone having difficulty gaining access to the installation.

The Survivor Vehicle Decal Program was developed by SOS to ease access to the installation and provide survivors

with special recognition. Decals can be obtained at the SOS Office, Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road, Room 109 on Aberdeen Proving Ground from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Contact SOS Support Coordinator Annette Sanders at 410-278-2861 or annette.sandersnash@us.army.mil for information.



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Shorts.

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Group seeking talent for community theater

The APG Community Theater Group needs actors, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, choral, stage crew (sound, lighting, photography and more). For more information, call or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Classes

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program is committed to offering support to the APG Family through a series of dynamic classes. What makes FAP classes so dynamic is a mix of the community members who participate, the exciting and innovative materials, and the facilitators. Classes are free and are open to all members of the APG community, so don't delay. Families can get the tools that they need to get on the right track by joining a FAP class today.

- All programs will be held at ACS, Bldg. 2503 High Point Road.
- Blended Families (Stepfamilies): 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., May 5, 12 and 26
 - Staying Connected With Your Teen: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- For more information or to register, call 410-278-7478.

Luray Caverns discount

Take a spin through time, 400 million years worth to be exact, to discover the amazing history of these unearthly caverns. Tickets cost \$18.25 for adults 13 years and older; tickets for children ages 3 to 12 cost \$9.25. Luray Caverns is located on 970 Highway 211 West, Luray, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit <http://www.luraycaverns.com/PlanyourVisit/AboutLurayCaverns/tabid/507/Default.aspx>. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Personal Training

APG Sports Branch is offering personal training programs. All active duty military and Family members, DoD civilians and family members, and DoD contractors are eligible. Training is offered at the athletic center, fitness center and Hoyle Gym to assist customers in meeting their personal fitness needs. The program is offered in individual half-hour and one-hour sessions and blocks of sessions. Individual half-hour sessions cost \$40 each; one-hour sessions cost \$55 each. Blocks of six half-hour sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

Discount Aquarium tickets

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages 3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19 each and are issued one per active duty ID card only. Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium. Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world. Watch brilliantly colored triggerfish explore a coral reef. Marvel as sharks glide through the shadowy depths just an arm's length away. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Board horses at APG Stables

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members. All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card. Monthly stall fees include: Four turn-out pastures
Lighted riding arena
Water troughs in each pasture
Run-in sheds
Barn with water and electricity
Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided
For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html.

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29 per person

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person. Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Walt Disney World salutes the Armed Forces

Now through Sept. 28, active duty military and retirees may purchase four-day Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute tickets for themselves and up to five Family members and/or friends for \$138. There are three different ticket options available for those wanting to visit Walt Disney World:

- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper Option, \$138 each
- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Water Park Fun and More Option, \$138 each
- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and More Options, \$165 each

Tickets can be upgraded to add either option, or both for an additional \$27 per option.

All tickets must be purchased at least three weeks prior to departure dates. Black-out dates include July 4, 2011 at Magic Kingdom only. The active duty/retiree must be present at Disney to activate the tickets. For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Leisure Travel Services available at EA Recreation Center

Limited services are available at Leisure Travel Services, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Aberdeen South (Edgewood) recreation center, building E-4140. For more information, visit or call 410-436-2713.

Upcoming golf events

- May**
- 22, Adult/child 9 Hole Outing
- June**
- 19, Father's Day Golf Scramble
- July**
- 14, Adult/child 9 hole outing
 - 16, Summer Scramble
 - 23 to 24, Senior Club Championship Tourney
- August**
- 13, PGA Days: Long drive contest, Putting Contest, Demo Day, golf clinics
- September**
- 24 and 25, Club Championship

- Aberdeen South (Edgewood) Exton Golf Course (Course Reopens for Season)**
- May**
- 7, Scramble for the Roses Spring Scramble
- June**
- 25, Under the Stars Golf Outing
- July**
- 21, Adult/child 9 Hole Outing
- September**
- 17, Greens Keeper Revenge Scramble

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com. All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



May bowling specials

- Bowl from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Early Bird Special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and receive one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$34 (Up to six people). Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Celebrate Mother's Day on May 8; all moms bowl for free when accompanied by a child.
- Memorial Day special: Up to six people can bowl for one hour for \$15 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Includes shoe rental.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of May 2

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75.
Special #2: Italian sausage with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

Week of May 9

Special #1: Crab cake with French fries, coleslaw, cookie and regular soda for \$10.50.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Deaths from leaving children in cars rise

Safety officials say no child is immune to death by hyperthermia

APG Safety Office

Two decades ago, fatalities caused from leaving children and pets in cars were somewhat rare but that has changed in recent years. Statistics show that from 1998 to 2010, there were 495 deaths.

This tragedy can affect anyone, rich or poor, from the chronically absent-minded to the fanatically organized, said Lynda Rice of the Garrison Safety Office.

“No one is immune to its devastating consequences. Just ask the mother of 3-year-old boy Cameron Thomas Boone, who died in 2008 after being left in a hot vehicle in Harris County, Texas,” said Rice.

“As the temperature rose in his mother’s truck, authorities said the little boy freed himself from his car seat, climbed to the front of the car, and put a key in the ignition in a desperate attempt to save his own life before he succumbed to the heat,” she said. “It’s such a tragic and heart-wrenching story, when an otherwise loving and attentive parent one day gets distracted, goes to work, or runs into the store, and just... forgets their child who is left in the car.”

Heat stroke

“Death by hyperthermia” is the official designation and in its advanced state it is referred to as heat stroke, an acute condition which occurs where the body produces (absorbs) more heat than it can dissipate.

Body temperatures above 104 °F are life-threatening (heat stroke), at 106 °F brain death begins, and over 107 °F, death is nearly certain.

Even on a mild day? Studies have found that on days when ambient temperatures exceeds 86°F, the internal temperatures of the vehicle can quickly reach 134°F to 154°F.

Vehicles can heat up rapidly within the first 15 to 30 minutes (30 minutes can equal 34 °F rise in temperature inside the car) and leaving the windows open slightly does not decrease the heating process.

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Lynda Rice
Garrison Safety Office

Blink of an eye

The facts in each case differ, but always there is the terrible moment when the parent realizes what he or she has done, followed by a frantic rush back to the car.

Whether it’s from sweltering temperatures, locking parents out of a car, trunk entrapments, or getting limbs caught while playing with windows, horrific accidents can happen in the blink of an eye, and many of these accidents can have permanent consequences.

“The Maryland Family Law Article 5-801 states that children under 8 years old may not be locked or confined in a dwelling or vehicle out of sight of the guardian,” said Emergency Services Director Robert Krauer.

“It is considered a misdemeanor offense which imposes a [\$500] fine or thirty days imprisonment and the offense can become a felony if there are resulting injuries.”

Several parent-based organizations are dedicated to emphasizing potential dangers like **KidsandCars.org**, a non-profit organization that tracks child deaths and accidents around vehicles, and an online video learning tool called Zero Seconds which is designed to help educate everyone on the dangers of not following the “zero second rule.”

Additional measures are being looked into that can help warn of a forgotten child. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is considering a petition to include safety belt reminder chimes for all seating positions and conditions.

“The bottom line is for parents to remain extra alert of your loved ones and don’t leave them alone, even for a minute,” said Russell Obey of the Garrison Safety office.

“Bystanders should call 911 if you see a child or pet left unattended in a vehicle and always remember to look before you lock.”

SAFETY TIPS

Always put something you’ll need for work - cell phone, handbag, etc. on the floor of the back seat, near the child as a reminder.

Keep a large teddy bear in the child’s car seat when it’s not occupied. When the child is placed in the seat, put the teddy bear up front as a visual reminder in the passenger seat.

Make sure all occupants leave the vehicle when you are unloading.

Officers interested in becoming military science professors can compete for job

By **CARMEN POWELL**
Human Resources Command

Active duty and active Guard-Reserve lieutenant colonels and majors interested in becoming professors of military science must have their master’s or higher degree by May 31 to be considered for positions in the August board at U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command Professor of Military Science centralized selection board will convene at Human Resources Command Aug. 23 and 24. Selected officers can expect to report for duty before the start of the 2012 to 2013 academic year.

Interested officers must also have completed Intermediate Level Education or Command and General Staff College, have recently deployed in support

of Operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom or New Dawn, have broad experience in command and staff positions, demonstrate moral attributes and personal traits to serve in a position of prestige in an academic environment, meet Army standards of military bearing and appearance, and be able to serve a three-year tour.

Each volunteer must be eligible for a permanent change of station for summer 2012. Officers should update their Officer Record Brief, DA photo, and ensure their undergraduate and graduate transcripts are in their Official Military Personnel File no later than Aug. 1, 2011.

The Professor of Military Science selection board has averaged between 250 to 350 professors a year for four years, according to Phil Ayer, acting

chief, Personnel Management Division, Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Ky.

Officers meeting these qualifications must provide their branch assignment officers a preference sheet by June 15, 2011, to begin the Professor of Military Science board process.

Officers may download the fiscal year 2012 Professor of Military Science Board preference sheet from the Cadet Command Web site at: <http://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/info-for-cadre-staff.html>, which also lists projected summer 2012 PMS vacancies.

Questions should be directed to the e-mail address: PMSBoard@usacc.army.mil.
(Master Sgt. Christina Steiner contributed to this story.)

Army contracting centers merge at APG

U.S. Army Contracting Command

The U.S. Army Contracting Command announced April 29 the consolidation of its two contracting centers at Aberdeen Proving Ground into a new organization: Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This action will leverage the enterprise capabilities of ACC and achieve greater efficiencies and effectiveness in providing America’s Army with the equipment, supplies and services it needs to accomplish its global mission.

The two contracting centers: Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (C4ISR or Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) and Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (SCRT or Soldier, Chemical, Research and Test), employ 1,000 civilian and military personnel performing the contracting mission.

The centers provide comprehensive, contracting and business advisory skills supporting research and development, production support and depot-level maintenance activities in acquiring, fielding and sustaining Army weapon systems, services and Soldier support.

“[The consolidation] “combines the respective talents and capabilities of two major contracting organizations to better support our Warfighters,” said Bryon Young, ACC-APG executive director.

“We’ve been considering this change over the past year, as the former CECOM Contracting Center moved here from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to become Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen (C4ISR).

“This consolidation will allow us to leverage the capabilities of a larger more diverse contracting workforce,” he said.

“One advantage [is that] this consolidation will provide greater professional development opportunities for a workforce within the same geographic area. Also, the combined workforce is postured to support the anticipated increase of Foreign Military Sales (FMS).”

ACC Soldiers and civilians work with commercial firms to acquire equipment, supplies and services for the Army. If a Soldier shoots it, drives it, communicates with it, wears it, or eats it – ACC contracts for it.

“This is a logical step in maturing and strengthening Army contracting,” said Jeff Parsons, ACC executive director. “Although our command has been in business for a little over two years, we’ve made fantastic progress in the way the Army buys its goods and services.

With the merger of our two contracting centers at Aberdeen, I’m confident we can do an even better job of providing our Soldiers and civilians with the tools and support they need to ensure the defense of our

Picerne Housing begins mowing schedule

Picerne Military Housing

Family housing residents are reminded that they are not responsible for mowing their grass. All lawn areas, as well as the common areas in your neighborhood are maintained by Picerne Military Housing through a commercial grass cutting contractor.

“All turf areas are mowed, edged and the clippings are blown off to maintain a neat and orderly appearance,” said Picerne’s Corinne Williams. “Common area flower beds are mulched and weeded as needed. Trees and shrubs are also pruned.

Williams also said fallen limbs and trees are removed when needed and leaves are raked during the fall and spring clean-up process.

Grounds maintenance services also include the portion of the lawn located inside the boundary of housing fences.

“But those areas must be fully accessible to receive services,” explained Williams.

Accessibility requires all of the following items to be prepared:

- Gates are provided and unlocked.
- Pets are confined.
- All personal belongings and pet debris



Courtesy photo

While Picerne provides mowing and general landscaping, residents may beautify the area adjoining the front and rear of the home with annuals and perennials.

are picked up and off grass/lawn areas.

Residents are responsible for maintaining landscaping inside fenced areas deemed inaccessible. The monthly resident newsletter includes the lawn care schedule.

While Picerne Military Housing pro-

vides lawn mowing and general landscape maintenance services, residents may beautify the area immediately adjoining the front and rear of their homes with annuals and perennials. Vegetables and herbs may be grown in Aberdeen’s housing areas only in pots or raised beds

Mow SCHEDULE

Monday

Addresses:
Edgewood,
3828-3800 and
3716-3700

Tuesday

Addresses:
3829-3929 and
2801-2830

Wednesday

Addresses:
2508-2944

Thursday

Addresses: 1-2020

at the rear of the home.

Families are required to maintain their flowers and other plantings in living condition and free of debris and weeds. Flower gardens are restricted to areas currently landscaped for this purpose.

Picerne Military Housing is family owned and operated and

has been building and managing residential communities for 85 years. The company has also partnered with Forts Meade, Bragg, Polk, Rucker, Sill and Riley under the Residential Communities Initiative program.

Water supply is ‘clean and drinkable

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required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Maryland, who Visser said has oversight of all of the state’s water operations.

“The state is actively engaged year-round and I’m proud to say we’ve never had a violation of any of our water quality parameters,” he said. “Random samplings are conducted on a continual basis to ensure state and federal (Safe Water Drinking Act) compliance. We’re confident that our drinking water is 100 percent safe for consumption.”

Raw water from Deer Creek is treated and stored at the Chapel Hill clear well on Paradise Road, just outside of the Route 22 Gate. The well is a roofed concrete basin that holds 1.7 million gallons of APG North (Aberdeen) drinking water. The structure, which butts out of the ground about 3 feet, recently received an upgraded animal-resistant fence.

“The clear well had a fence, but it has

“We look pretty closely at the physical parts of it, including inspecting the liner for deterioration, and the day-to-day operations of the well. Then it is disinfected and refilled. And in addition to the five-year examination, we conduct annual maintenance, so any issues are not going to go unnoticed.”

Dennis Overbay
Contracting Officer Representative

just been replaced with a more secure fence,” said Buzz Soltis of the DPW’s Construction Branch. “And right now, we’re doing routine maintenance at the well to ensure everything is in tip-top shape.”

The maintenance takes place every five years and includes the draining, thorough inspection and repair of any potential failures.

APG’s Dennis Overbay oversees the installation’s water provision contract

with the city of Aberdeen and called the five-year maintenance a painstaking examination of the structure.

“We look pretty closely at the physical parts of it, including inspecting the liner for deterioration, and the day-to-day operations of the well. Then it is disinfected and refilled,” said Overbay. “And in addition to the five-year examination, we conduct annual maintenance, so any issues are not going to go unnoticed.”

Soltis said beginning May 3 and until the maintenance is complete on or around May 9, APG residents will consume water supplied by Harford County.

“We just want to ensure our residents and personnel trust that their water supply is clean and drinkable,” said Soltis. “And state and federal guidelines, combined with the maintenance we are currently doing, make it possible for us to ensure that fact.”

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all of its tenants ensure warfighters have the right capabilities for success across the entire spectrum of operations.”



Monday, May 16

The week kicks off with an 18-hole Captain’s Choice Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course May 16. Rain date is May 23. Start time is 8:30 a.m. Participants can register as teams or as individuals who will be paired with others. A registrations fee of \$70 per golfer includes greens fee, cart fee, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes. Other events include a Hole-in-One contest sponsored by Hinder Ford, Closest to Pin, Long Drive and Straight Drive contests. Registration deadline is May 11. To register or for more information, contact Dave Correll, golf pro, at Ruggles Pro Shop, 410-278-4794 or e-mail david.correll@us.army.mil.



Tuesday, May 17

A Veterans Luncheon commemorating Armed Forces Week will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Garrison Dining Facility, building 4503 May 17. This event is open to all vet-

erans and free for the first 50 veterans who RSVP. For more information or to RSVP, call 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson, 410-278-3000 or e-mail sonya.n.jackson@us.army.mil.



Wednesday, May 18

APG encourages both the local and APG Community to come out and join the celebration on Armed Forces Day. On May 18, festivities include a Gold Star Family Breakfast for Family members of fallen service members. The opening ceremony starts at 10 a.m., followed by live demonstrations; aircraft flyovers; Explosive Ordnance Disposal demonstrations; historical re-enactors; technology displays; children’s activities; live entertainment and food vendors. The festivities will continue until 5 p.m.

“This event will allow us to reach out to our Gold Star Families, who are very much a part of the APG community,” said Annette Sanders of Survivor Outreach Services. “We are, and will remain one-hundred percent committed to them. That commitment is something every Soldier counts on when he puts his life on the line for his country, and we won’t let them down.

“The displays are always a fan-favorite,” McCormick added. “It showcases what the installation offers the community

and the nation in a fun, hands-on way.”



Thursday, May 19

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom May 19. The event also honors the Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Family of the Year.

Friday, May 20

No planned events.



Saturday, May 21

The week of celebrations culminates Saturday May 21. In the morning, the 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day 10K Race starts at 8 a.m. at the Aberdeen North Athletic Center. Same-day registration starts 6 a.m.

The event is open to the public.

Charm City Run of Bel Air organizes the event which is hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Registration and entry forms can be accessed through the Charm City Run Web site at www.charmcityrun.com. Entry fees are \$30 through May 15 and \$35 May 16 through the day of the race.

There is a \$5 discount for active duty military. There is no fee for E-1 through E-3; register through your unit. AFD 10K t-shirts will be provided to all runners. Directions to APG can be found at www.apgmwr.com/resources/useful_resources.html. This event is open to the public.

“APG Soldiers, DA civilians and contractors are a vital part of the community,” McCormick said.

“This event is coordinated by the Charm City Run of Bel Air and hosted by our Morale, Welfare and Recreation and it’s a classic example of the teamwork that allows us to coexist and prosper, side by side.”



Pooles Island Lighthouse lighting ceremony

In the evening, a relighting of the Pooles Island Lighthouse will take place during a lighthouse cruise on the Spirit of Baltimore, 6 to 11 p.m.

“A lighthouse can serve as our guiding beacon by reminding us to always remember to protect and preserve our past for the benefit of future generations,” said Terri Kaltenbacher, a DPW environmental planner.

Boarding will take place 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 410-838-2020. Note: The event is sold out but people can request standby status in case of a cancellation.

APG awarded for environmental improvements

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your environment.

“And why is that important?” Justice asked the attentive students. “Because one day - in the very near future - you’re going to be in charge of this. You are going to be the stewards of the earth.”

Justice then harkened to the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

“It says, ‘Preserving the lessons of liberty not only for us, but for our posterity,’” Justice said. “Well, this is your treasure, and I’m so thankful that you recognize how important this is. I hope that when you think of this day and look at the artifacts that you will learn to treasure your history and value it, and that you learn to pass it down to generation and generation after that.

“And remember: There’s no green like Army green,” Justice said once more before leaving the podium.

APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz said for 72 years the Poole’s Island Lighthouse was dormant.

“The light in that lighthouse has not shone,” he said. “And now, May 21, symbolic of what we try to do on military installations as we move ahead, we are re-lighting the lighthouse, to forever be lit, lighting the path forward.

“What is taking place is important, because it’s your future - our future,” Ortiz added.

Wayne Merkel, representing the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, provided a wealth of statistics for his listeners, and said 2011 is the International Year of Forests.

“Trees are the solution to water and air pollution,” Merkel said. “One large tree can produce enough oxygen to support two people annually.

“Trees cool the air. They are natural air conditioners,” he continued.

“There are over 5,000 products that come from trees. You know about furni-



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Musicians from the Edgewood High School Band relax before the start of APG’s Arbor/Earth Day celebration April 29.

ture and lumber and paper, and baseball bats. But did you know trees are in football helmets? How about tooth paste? Shampoo? Lipstick? Nail polish? Oils from the bark are in perfume.

“Trees also reduce noise pollution and provide shelter for wild life,” he added. “Trees run on sunshine and rain. Trees are a renewable nature resource.”

“In Maryland, there are 2.6 million acres of forest, or 41 percent of the state,” he said. “The Chesapeake watershed is 68 percent forested. There are 78,000 acres on APG and 17,000 acres are forested.

“There are 1,475 new trees on APG in the last year,” Merkel said.

Merkel commended APG leadership for recognizing the importance of forest

and tree conservation and presented Justice and Ortiz with the National Arbor Day Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Tree City U.S.A award for 2010, the sixth consecutive year the installation has received the award.

The installation also received the Tree City U.S.A. Growth Award for 2010, as recognition for environmental improvements that have been made. This was the fourth consecutive year APG has received this award.

Merkel also presented APG leaders with the People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT) award. He said there are four levels to the PLANT award, with green being the highest. APG received the Green PLANT award.

“This is a desirable place,” Merkel said, pointing to the tall white oak tree next to the site of the ceremony. “The white oak is the Maryland state tree.”

Winners of the APG Arbor/Earth Day essay and poster contest received their awards. Winners were:

Essay contest:

- Pre-K - 2nd grade - 1st Place - Kenneth “Andy” Beresh, Cecil Manor Elementary School
- 3rd to 5th grade - 1st Place - Lucinda Shannon, St. Joan of Arc School; 2nd place - Olivia Ann Del Pizzo, Youth Benefit Elementary School
- 6th to 8th grade - 1st place - Anna Smith, St. Joan of Arc School; 2nd place - Melissa Webster, St. Joan of Arc School

Poster contest:

- Pre-K to 2nd grade - 1st Place - Isabella Cirincione, St. Joan of Arc School; 2nd place - Kenneth “Andy” Beresh, Cecil Manor Elementary School
- 3rd to 5th grade - 1st place - Jenna Raynor, Youth’s Benefit Elementary; 2nd place - Gabriella Cirincione, St. Joan of Arc School
- 6th to 8th grade - 1st place - Victoria Lawrence, Havre de Grace Middle School; 2nd place - Victoria French, Aberdeen Middle School.

Special thanks went to Environment 2 students at North Harford High School for helping review and judge the essay and poster contest entries, and for helping with hands-on activities.

Musicians from the Edgewood High School Band provided music for the ceremony.

(NOTE: Earth Day is officially celebrated April 22 nationwide. Arbor Day is officially celebrated nationally on the last Friday in April, and on the first Wednesday in April for Maryland.)